

REMARKS

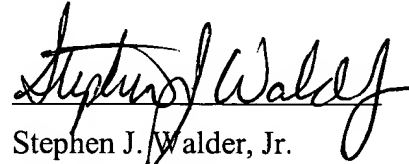
Claims 1-8, 17-33, 43-51 and 70-81 are pending in the present application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 17, 25 and 43 are amended and claims 70-81 are added. Claims 1, 17, 25 and 43, are amended, in view of the results of the July 21, 2003 telephone interview with Examiner Nguyen, to clarify the preamble and exemplify the aspect of receiving user input by reciting providing a user with an option to redirect the routing of a call. Claims 70-81 are added to recite additional features of one exemplary manner by which the option to redirect a call is provided to a user. Support for the amendments and the additional claims may be found at least in Figures 6A-6D. No new matter has been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the reasons set forth in the previously filed Response to Final Office Action, neither the Jain reference nor the Lee reference cited in the Final Office Action teach or suggest the features of providing a user with an option to redirect the routing of a call in response to receiving a registration notice of an incoming call, as recited in the independent claims 1, 17, 25 and 43. Moreover, neither Jain nor Lee, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest the user interface recited in claims 70, 73, 76 and 79. Neither Jain nor Lee, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest a user interface that includes an option to redirect a call, an option to place the call on hold, and an option to redirect the call to a voicemail system, as recited in claims 71, 74, 77 and 80. Additionally, neither Jain nor Lee, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest that when a redirect option of the user interface is selected, a further user interface is provided for entry of a new address, as recited in claims 72, 75, 78 and 81. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-8, 17-33, 43-51 and allowance of all of the pending claims.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the Jain and Lee references cited in the Final Office Action and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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